

Feeders from Pudukote Tank.

Q.—600. Sri SIDDIAH *alias* KUNNIAH (Gundlupet-Heggaddevanakote—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that the question of affording irrigation facilities by feeding the tanks of Dornehalli, Chikkereyur and Chotahalli from Pudukote Tank in Heggaddevanakote Taluk is under correspondence since 1947;

(b) whether it is true that the P. W. D. has obtained mutchalikas in respect of water-rate and contribution from the raiyats under the said three tanks;

(c) (i) as a result of the above scheme the number of acres that would be brought under wet cultivation under the abovesaid tanks:

(ii) the estimated amount of the scheme; and

(iii) the details of the said scheme;

(d) the reasons for not yet bringing it into effect?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (d) below.

(d) The feeder channel project was investigated and found to be not feasible.

Sri SIDDIAH *alias* KUNNIAH.—Sir, I have no supplementaries.

Employees' Provident Fund Act (Workmen's difficulties in Scheduled Industries).

Q.—80. Sri D. VENKATESH (Gandhinagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) in how many scheduled industries the Employees' Provident Fund Act has been made applicable in the State;

(b) the number of employees that have been covered by this Act (the figures may be given industry-wise);

(c) in how many cases the exemption has been granted under Section 17 of the Provident Fund Act; the conditions, if any, (with particulars relating to each of the exempted concerns), may be given;

(d) the steps they have taken to relieve the workmen of their difficulty in swearing before a Magistrate to withdraw their accumulations in the Provident Fund?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) 64 factories.

(b) *Industry No. of Employees covered (as on November 1953).*

1. Cement	... Nil.
2. Cigarettes	... 2,370
3. Electrical, Mechanical or General Engineering	... 12,491
4. Iron and Steel	... Nil.
5. Paper	... 1,155
6. Textiles (made wholly or in part of Cotton or Jute or Silk, whether natural or artificial).	... 21,786

Total ... 37,802

(c) 16 factories have been granted exemption under Section 17 (a) of the Act.

For particulars please see the enclosure appended below.

(d) The difficulties of adherence to the procedure prescribed have been brought to the notice of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and instructions from the former are awaited.